

### **Student Government Resolution 115.012**

#### **A Resolution to Include the Inflation Adjustments of the Athletic Fee in the Student Government Spring 2015 Elections on Truman State University's Campus Sponsored by Vice President Molly Turner and Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chair, Cate Simon**

#### WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Athletics is an important part of campus life at Truman State University and helps to promote the mission of the University through aiding in the recruitment of athletes, developing and encouraging the engagement of alumni, and promoting health and wellness in our Student Body; and
- Truman State University currently has the Athletic Fee which brings in \$50.00 per student, every semester; and
- The Athletic Fee has been on Truman State University's campus since 2007 and the amount has not changed since its inception; and
- It has been requested by University Leadership that the Student Government and the Athletic Fee Accountability Committee consider bringing an increase of the Athletic Fee before the Student Association; and
- If the Athletic Fee does not keep up with inflation, it will continuously become less significant; and
- If the Athletic Fee would have kept up with the rate of inflation since its inception, using a Consumer Price Index inflator, the Athletic Fee would currently be \$115.93 per year.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Will put a tie of the Athletic Fee to the annual rate of inflation, and an eight dollar increase to the Athletic Fee per semester up for a vote on the Student Government spring 2015 elections the third week of April this year for the Student Association to ultimately approve or deny the following: "I approve of the adjusting the original Athletic Fee (\$50.00) per semester established in 2007, to the inflation-adjusted amount of \$58.00 a semester. I also approve that in the future, rather than periodic significant adjustments to the fee the administration may adjust the fee annually at the rate of inflation as determined by the state's consumer price index (CPI) for the previous calendar year. If

the administration does not increase the fee in any given year, future adjustments cannot exceed the previous year's rate of inflation must go to a vote of the students.”; and

- If the increase to the Athletic Fee passes during the Student Government 2015 spring election, the charge of the Athletic Fee will increase by eight dollars to all undergraduate and graduate students; and
- The Athletic Fee shall continue to be reviewed every three years as the Organizational Activity Fee Review Committee meets, alternating between a fee review which will start with the OAF Review Committee in Spring of 2017, and be followed by a project review in 2020<sup>1</sup>; and
- In order to project the Athletic Fee passed by the Students of Truman State University, the administration will not be allowed the authority

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to University President, Troy Paino; the Truman State University Board of Governors; Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, Sue Thomas; Dean of Student Affairs, Lou Ann Gilchrist; Director of Athletics, Jerry Wollmering; the University Budget Director, Dave Rector; Chair of the Athletic Accountability Fee Committee, Caitlin Simon; and the Truman Media Network.

**Passed Unanimously on April 12, 2015**

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<sup>1</sup> This process was discussed in the March 20, 2011 Student Government Minutes.